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1. BOTSWANA'S COMPLAINT --

BOTSWANA REPRESENTATIVES SET FORTH TO THE AFRICAN GROUP THEIR CSSE CONCERNING RHODESIAN INCURSIONS, AND THE GROUP DECIDED THAT THE CASE WOULD NOT BE BROUGHT TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL DURING DECEMBER. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --
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2. SYG APPOINTMENT--

BEFORE THE GA APPROVED THE APPOINTMENT OF TOLBA OF EGYPT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNEP, SYG WALDHEIM TOLD AMB BENNETT OF HIS DECISION TO CHOOSE TOLBA BECAUSE HE HAD A GOOD RECORD, HAD BEEN RECOMMENDED BY MANY PEOPLE, AND ENDORSED BY THE AFRICAN GROUP. ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN CONSIDERATION OF A LATIN AMERICAN, WALDHEIM SAID THE ALTIN AMERICANS HAD SHOWN PREFERENCE FOR SYG OF THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE. ACCORDINGLY, HE WAS PLANNING TO PUT DA COSTA OF BRAZIL INTO THAT POSITION, AND HE HOPED THOSE APPOINTMENTS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE US. LATER BENNETT INFORMED THE SYG THAT IN THE ABSENCE OF AN AGREED WEO CANDIDATE FOR UNEP WE FOUND NO PROBLEMS WITH TOLBA, AND WE UNDERSTOOD DA COSTA TO BE A MAN OF HIGH QUALITY.

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BENNETT REMINDED THE SYG OF THE US INTEREST IN HOSTING THE SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CONFERENCE. (CONFIDENTIAL --
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3. 31ST GA DISARMAMENT RESOLUTIONS --

MANY OF THE 21 DISARMAMENT-RELATED RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE 31ST GA ESSENTIALLY REPRESENTED REITERATIONS OR CONTINUATION OF PREVIOUS GA VIEWS AND ACTIONS. PERHAPS THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT NEW DEVELOPMENTS WERE THE US-SOVIET-FINNISH RESOLUTION OPENING THE ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION AND THE YUGOSLAV-LED RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE CONVENING OF A SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT IN 1978. FOR THE FIRST TIME AN EXPLICIT RECOGNITION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF SOLVING VERIFICATION PROBLEMS APPEARED IN THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS RESOLUTION. THERE WAS INCREASED INTEREST IN THE QUESTION OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS, ALTHOUGH THE SUPPRESSION OF

A PROCEDURAL DEVICE OF A JAPANESE-INITIATED RESOLUTION ON THE SUBJECT WAS A SETBACK. THE TONE OF THE DISARMAMENT DEBATE, LARGELY REFLECTED IN THE RESOLUTIONS, WAS MORE RESTRAINED THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS. THE ACTUAL RESULTS OF THE GA SESSION WERE VERY POSITIVE IN TERMS OF MEETING SPECIFIC US INTERESTS. FROM THE SOVIET POINT OF VIEW, THE RESULTS CANNOT HAVE BEEN ENTIRELY SATISFACTORY. THE INCREASED EXTENT OF COORDINATION AMONG EC-9 ON DISARMAMENT WAS PARTICULARLY NOTEWORTHY. (CONFIDENTIAL -- USUN 6322)

4. NONALIGNED CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS --

PERUVIANS INFORMED US THAT PERU RESERVED ON PORTIONS OF THE NONALIGNED CONFERENCE DOCUMENTS RELATING TO BELIZE, KOREA, CHILE, PUERTO RICO AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THE SRI LANKA MISSION WILL SOON CIRCULATE A DOCUMENT CONTAINING ALL RESERVATIONS. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE --

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5. SYMPOSIUM ON BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI --

ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS OF THE UN DISARMAMENT AFFAIRS \$8,889, THE UN IS NOT SPONSORING, PARTICIPATING IN, OR COOPERATING WITH THE PLANNED INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON NUCLEAR BOMBINGS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI. THEY ARE AWARE THAT THE MAJOR INITIATOR OF THE SYMPOSIUM IS GENSIKYO, WHICH THEY RECOGNIZE IS A COMMUNIST-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATION. THEY SAID A 40-MAN DELEGATION HEADED BY SATO, DESCRIBED AS CHIEF OF GENSIKYO'S EXTERNAL AFFAIRS SECTION, MET WITH USYG SHEVCHENKO AND OTHER SECRETARIAT MEMBERS TO SEEK UN COOPERATION FOR THE SYMPOSIUM BUT WAS TOLD THE UN WOULD NOT COOPERATE OR PARTICIPATE EXCEPT TO SUPPLY ACADEMIC LITERATURE. ACCORDING TO A UN SECRETARIAT SOURCE, MAYORS OF HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI DID NOT BRING UP THE SYMPOSIUM WHEN THEY MET WITH SYG WALDHEIM. (CONFIDENTIAL --

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